



**DARTINGTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

# Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022



### Reading –

Please read at least 4 times a week at home. If you can, try logging on to accelerated reader and trying a book quiz!

### Home learning –

This week, I would like you to take part in a similar TTR tournament again, seeing if you can top your high score from last week! We are going to continue running these for the next fortnight!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week ticked off – it feels like the weeks are going to fly by!

The children were enthused within our Art session this week, as we looked at a selection of WW2 images, to inspire us in creating our interpretations. The children have begun using their understanding of shade and tone from previous sequences, alongside different mediums, to start their own drawings. From planes, to bombs exploding, to soldiers on the battlefield, the ideas are all so varied – I am really looking forward to them finishing them off next week and sharing these via our newsletter.

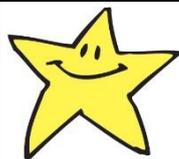
The children are really enjoying our PE sessions this term, with handball being our outdoor focus, and Gymnastics being our indoor focus. Mrs Mitchell, from Spires college, has been supporting our outdoor sessions so far this half term, and we have been practicing the 5 main passes and applying these to mini 2v2 games. In Gymnastics, we have been looking closer into group work on the mats, and how we can use skills such as mirroring, unison, and basic movements to create an effective piece.

Within RE this week, we focused on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pillar of Islam, Zakat. This is linked to charity and the idea that Muslims support those who are less fortunate through giving a small percentage of their yearly savings. We investigated further into the charity *Islamic relief*, and the work they do across the globe. Within our partners, we then discussed who is generous to us as individuals, who we are generous to, and how we could be more generous. It was a real bucket-filling moment, listening to who supports them, who they support, and how they can be more supportive to others around them, whether it is in school or at home.

Remember to login to Times Tables Rock Stars to help practise your times tables - each week there is the opportunity for one member of our class to win a certificate for the highest amount of; minutes played; coins earned; days active; and correct answers. It will really help speed the process of recall, which is useful within our maths lessons, and when practicing SATs style questions. As always, any questions or queries, please email [dartington@lapsw.org](mailto:dartington@lapsw.org) or see me during drop off/collection time.

Best wishes, Miss Humphries 😊

Thank you to everyone for continuing to do everything we can to make sure children are in school as much as possible. This time of year always brings a lot of coughs and colds and we are grateful for parents being particularly vigilant about ensuring that children are well enough to be in school and in particular making use of the PCR tests available when children show any symptoms. Please continue to bring your child to school if they are well enough unless they have had a positive test result.



### Star of the Week

**Bonny** – for being such a conscientious, trustworthy, and supportive member of our class. It has been so lovely to watch you blossom over the last half term, and see your confidence shine within discussion time, and your independent learning.



### Important!

Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and possibly a spare pair of clothing at present. The weather is so unpredictable, and we have had some children getting wet and muddy during outdoor sessions this week!

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